

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct minor grammatical errors in translation that occur at pages 64-67 and 69-71. The Claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies. Claims 1-55 remain pending in this application and stand ready for further action on the merits. No new matter has been entered into the application by way of the instant amendments to the specification and claims.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

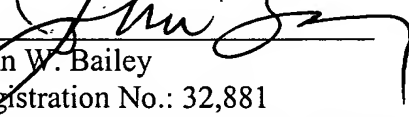
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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